

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

RETAIL ACCESS OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE,  
2011

Docket No. N2011-1

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REGARDING  
FILING OF UPDATED USPS LIBRARY REFERENCE N2011-1/11 [ERRATA]**  
(November 2, 2011)

The Postal Service files the material indicated below in this proceeding as a  
Category 2 Library Reference:

**USPS-LR-N2011-1/11      RAO Initiative Candidate Facility Status Update  
(Updated: November 2, 2011)**

This Library Reference provides a report indicating whether particular Retail Access Optimization Initiative candidate facilities remain under consideration for discontinuance as of September 30, 2011. It supersedes the "as of September 30" version of this Library Reference filed on October 6, 2011.

The revised Library Reference consists of three Excel spreadsheets. One (entitled "Nov 2") is the "still under consideration as of October 31" report being filed today. The other spreadsheet (entitled "Sep 21") is an archival copy of the version of the Library Reference that it supersedes.

As updated today, Library Reference N2011-1/11 lists all of the Post Offices, stations, branches and annexes on the original RAO Initiative candidate list and identifies which ones -- as of October 31, 2011 -- are no longer under consideration for discontinuance, as a result of feasibility review undertaken by District discontinuance review teams as part of the Initiative. As of that date, that number stood at

approximately 195. Facilities no longer under consideration are designated in the Status column of the spreadsheet in the Library Reference by the following indicator:

\*\*\*\*. The testimony of Postal Service witness Boldt (USPS-T-1) made clear that initiation of review of candidate facilities would commence in late July 2011 and was expected to continue for a 10-week period. On October 28, 2011, he testified that initiation of reviews for several hundred RAO Initiative offices would commence in the weeks ahead.

To be clear, USPS Library Reference N2011-1/11 is not a list of facilities for which discontinuance studies have been conducted or completed, for which discontinuance recommendations have been forwarded to Headquarters for approval, or a list of recommendations which have been acted upon by Headquarters.

Further analysis and decision-making will be necessary to determine which of the facilities in USPS Library Reference N2011-1/11 still under consideration ultimately may have their retail operations discontinued. An updated list will be filed in the first week of December 2011 to reflect further changes in the status of any of the facilities within the scope of this Initiative, should no advisory opinion have been issued by that time. Accordingly, the updated list filed today should not necessarily be regarded as the final one in this series.

Respectfully submitted,

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